



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

March 2006

Mounted Unit performs demonstration

Several members of the Wichita Police Department's Mounted Unit provided a demonstration for youngsters at the Wichita Riding Academy over spring break.

work, including how they teach them not to fear crowds and flying objects, and how Officers make arrests on horseback. The children were also interested in how the horses are utilized by the Department and the different maneuvers that they are trained to make.

WPD Mounted Unit members who participated in the demonstration included Sgt. Ed Brower, Detective Dave Wertz, Officer Faustino Naldoza, Officer Tricia Beck and Officer Jason Cates.



Officers showed the youth how the horses are trained for police



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Special points of interest:

The E*Justice Records Management System was successfully upgraded in March with minimal disruption to citizen service.



Payroll deduction available

All those who have an account at the Wichita Municipal Credit Union are encouraged to take advantage of a new opportunity to support the Law Enforcement Memorial.

Supporters may now set up a payroll deduction through the Credit Union. The process is very easy: simply contact the Wichita Credit Union, fill out a short form, and the deduction will be made each pay period until the individual suspends the deduction. A number of people have already signed up to support the Memorial!

Did You Know.....

During the month of March, WPD members received 70 CPRs that were generated internally and 40 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened five external complaint on members of the Department during March. There were 13 internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of March, Field Services personnel issued 5,669 moving citations and 2,072 parking citations.

Latent Fingerprint Examiner Mindy Craig assisted Financial Crimes on March 9 with a presentation to bank tellers and cashiers regarding correct procedures in obtaining a usable inked impression.

The Records Section, with assis-

tance from the Recruit class, moved 550 boxes of records to create an open area to hold squad meetings.

The initial warrant list for the Patrol West 17 Beat was 27 pages in length. In addition to the one-day warrant sweep conducted, Officers Stacey Mercer, Richard McConnell, Daniel Boone and Paul Zamarrano conducted their own "warrant sweeps" (with the approval of their supervisors) and cleared more warrants off the list. The warrant list for 17 Beat is now only four pages in length.

The 2006 applicant numbers at the Training Academy continue to run ahead of the 2005 numbers. Through March, the aptitude test numbers were five percent ahead of last year (131 vs. 125), and the first contact interview numbers were 59 percent ahead (119 vs. 75).

The Air Section responded to three vehicle pursuits in March. In each case, the suspect driver bailed out on foot and was tracked by Air Section personnel until being taken into custody.



Anne Keazer and Paula Halstead review paperwork at the Property and Evidence facility.

Officers Dwain Diehl, Janette Griggs and Clayton Schuler put together a Hotel/Motel meeting, which was held on March 23 at the Water Center. Representatives from 17 motels attended to discuss strategies on improving living, lifestyle and illegal activities in the motels.

In March, 18 Reserve Officers donated 776 hours of service.

A larceny complaint was opened due to research conducted in GeoCrime, which noted an increase in larcenies to autos on 14 beat. During March, there were nine reports of auto larcenies on West St. and five in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn. The Beat Team is monitoring the area and one additional larceny occurred since the complaint was opened. A flyer will be distributed to businesses in the area.

Officer Raymond Alverson noted a larceny crime trend in the area of St. Louis and St. Paul. The Sunflower Neighborhood Assoc. voted to make this their project for the month.



The Fall 2005 Recruit Class presented the Training Academy with two new microwaves for the Wichita/Sedgwick County Training Academy on March 8.

Pictured left to right: Lt. Gavin Seiler, Officer Aaron Chaffee, Officer Katherine Haliburton (Class President), Officer Derek Purcell and Capt. Darren Moore.

Officer Bruce Benaway retires from Department



Deputy Chief Stolz was a crowd-pleaser when he shared several funny stories from Officer Bruce Benaway's colorful career.

After more than 34 years of service, Officer Bruce Benaway retired from the Wichita Police Department on March 15.

A large crowd of current and former City employees gathered in the first floor board room to wish Bruce well in his retirement endeavors.

Bruce spent the last five years of his career working in the Department's Information Services section. He was responsible for many of the advances the Department made in the area of technology and for the design of the Fifth Floor Briefing Room.

Bruce consistently provided outstanding customer service and will be greatly missed by his co-workers.



Bruce reads from his "notes" during his retirement party on March 15.

Transportation Security Administration provides training

When the Police Department hired staff for the newly created City Hall Security Section, one of the challenges was providing cutting-edge training.

In order to assure the new employees had the best training possible, Lt. Jeff Weible contacted the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to see if they could help train the employees on how to screen City Hall visitors.

The TSA is a federal agency that was formed after the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, and is responsible for airport security throughout the nation.

The Wichita office of TSA was very helpful, according to Lt. Weible. Mr. Keith Osborn, Federal Security Director, and Mr. Phil Smith, Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement, were very accommodating, he said.

Director Osborn and Asst. Director Smith obtained permission from Washington to provide the screening training for the new staff.

TSA Training Coordinator Mr. Steve Oertel assisted with organizing the training and he assigned Mr. Jay Fine, TSA Screening Instructor, to develop a

curriculum specifically for the City's Security Section. Mr. Fine trained the staff several days in January and February and future trainings are being planned, as scheduling permits.

Throughout the implementation process of the City's new Security Section, the local TSA staff has been extremely helpful, according to Lt. Weible.

In addition to hands on training, TSA also provided City Security with examples of their Standard Operating Procedures, many of which were applicable for City Hall Security.

Lt. Landwehr honored by National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has announced the selection of Lieutenant Kenneth Landwehr of the Wichita (KS) Police Department as Officer of the Month for March 2006.

The citizens of Wichita, Kansas were paralyzed with fear due to a string of brutal homicides from early 1974 to 1978. A serial murderer nicknamed BTK, for Bind-Torture-Kill, was targeting women in the area. Many women were afraid to go home alone and would constantly check their phone line to see if it was dead; a tell tale sign of the killer. The killer's case ran cold in the 1980's and life returned to normal in Wichita. Almost thirty years later in March 2004, the Wichita Eagle, a local newspaper, received a manila envelope from someone claiming to be the BTK killer. The manila envelope contained a letter, three pictures of a crime scene, and the driver's license of a BTK victim that was never recovered. Upon receiving the news of this envelope, Lieutenant Kenneth Landwehr, an investigator on the original BTK killer case, thought to himself, "We're in a lot of trouble."

Landwehr began his career with the Wichita (KS) Police Department 27 years ago. Landwehr was assigned to reexamine a cold case involving a serial killer who went by the name BTK. He was assigned with a captain, a lieutenant and five other investigators. This would be the first

time Landwehr would begin to delve into the mind of one of the worst serial killers in the nation's history. Three years later, he was assigned to investigate homicide cases full time and by 1992 he was promoted to Commander of the police homicide unit.

Landwehr became the department's expert on the BTK killer case so it was to no one's surprise when Wichita Police Department's Chief of Police Norman D. Williams assigned Landwehr to head the BTK Task Force. "When I selected Lieutenant Landwehr to head the BTK Task Force, I had complete faith in his ability to get the job done," Williams stated, "I could always count on Lieutenant Landwehr to do what was best for the investigation, the department, and the community." As head of the BTK Task Force, Lieutenant Landwehr organized and lead one of the largest task forces dedicated to one offender in recent history. Using his leadership, skills and sheer determination for apprehending an offender he had been chasing for the majority of his career, Lieutenant Landwehr allocated resources, strategically released information to the media, and worked nonstop to lead the 11-month long investigation. During this period, the BTK Task Force received 10 more



Lt. Ken Landwehr

communications from BTK, followed up on over 5,600 tips from the public, collected almost 1,500 DNA samples and pursued hundreds of other investigative leads.

Lieutenant Landwehr and the BTK Task Force capitalized on BTK's major mistake of sending a letter on a disk. With this evidence, they engineered a "flawless apprehension plan", and arrested Dennis Rader, better known as the BTK killer. Landwehr obtained a full confession from Rader and secured enough evidence against him to ensure a conviction of 10 consecutive life sentences. Lieutenant Landwehr's career long investigation of the BTK serial killer culminated on February 25, 2005 when Landwehr addressed the entire nation at a press conference with his opening statement; "It's over."

Recalling the prosecution of serial killer Richard Grissom Jr. in 1990, Johnson County District Attorney Paul Morrison states, "He eats, sleeps, and breathes cop work and is relentless. He's also a great guy." Lenexa (KS) Detective Pat Hinkle, who also worked on the Grissom case, described Landwehr as "by far the brightest and most competent detective I've ever been associated with."

Having supervised over 450 homicide investigations in his career with the Wichita Police Department, Lieutenant Landwehr is considered an expert in his field. He currently teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses at the Wichita State Uni
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versity, as well as a Death Investigation course.

Lieutenant Landwehr will be the first to point out that he was not alone by any means on the BTK Task Force. "His humility is one of the traits that make him such a successful leader", states Chief Williams, "He is a credit to the Wichita Police Department and

has represented us, often at a national level, in an exemplary manner." Lieutenant Landwehr has received countless awards for his hard work and dedication with the BTK killer. He was recently named Wichita Police Department 2005 Officer of the Year as well as the Law Enforcement Professional of the Year (2005) by the Wichita Crime Commission.

Lieutenant Landwehr continues to serve the community as the Commander of the Wichita Police Department Homicide Section and is the Director of the Mid-States Homicide Investigators Association. He enjoys his position within the department and believes "there are other cases to solve."

Patrol South Officers make a difference through mentoring

Several months ago, the staff at White Elementary contacted WPD about the possibility of having some Officers mentor a young boy who was needing some guidance.

Officer Jerry Manuel, Officer Chris Sawyer and Officer David

Crump (now detective) volunteered. The first nine weeks of school, the child had six F's, a D and a C. Under the guidance of the Officers, the third nine weeks, the young man had six A's and two Bs.

The Officers received the Wich-

ita Public School's Good Apple Award for their efforts.

Officer Ginny Wiley also received the Good Apple Award from the school district for the work that she does at Linwood Elementary School.

Staff participate in prophylaxis distribution exercise



WPD Training Academy staff from left to right: Marilyn Hayes, Lt. Gavin Seiler, Janet Jones and Lt. Darrell Atteberry.

The third annual Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) mass prophylaxis (pharmaceutical) distribution exercise was held on March 2.

The exercise was coordinated by personnel from the Sedgwick County Health Department.

This is an annual exercise to ensure that Training Academy staff and Property and Evidence personnel are familiar with their roles as defined in the Department's Emergency Mobilization Plan.

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Members of the Investigations Division meet to review details of a homicide that occurred in March.

Investigations



WPD computer crimes unit starts local association

The Wichita Police/Sedgwick County Sheriff's Forensic Computer Crime Unit recently helped start a local chapter of the High Technology Crime Investigator's Association (HTCIA).

"We believed that we had enough interest for a local chapter, so we made it one of our goals. We contacted local corporate security and other law enforcement agencies, and it's now all come to fruition with a new local chapter," said Detective Randy Stone, WPD Forensic Computer Crime Unit.

"It's a very diverse group and the membership includes individuals whose positions range from police detective to director of industrial security to college professor. Each individual brings his/her experience and training to the association so that everybody can

benefit from it," said Detective Stone.

Detective Shaun Price, WPD Computer Crimes, said that the Association addresses a myriad of topics during their meetings – all related to high tech crime. "We share information and train on everything from Internet fraud and financial crimes, to how to monitor for network intrusion (hackers), to biometrics," said Detective Price.

The Association meets monthly resulting in better communication between corporate security and law enforcement. The exchange of information and ideas, along with the networking opportunities, helps increase the likelihood of successful investigations and prosecution of computer-related crimes, said Detec-

tive Stone.

The membership of the local chapter includes a cross-section of local, state and federal law enforcement, corporate security, academia and private sector. Members include representatives from: Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Derby Police Department, Ellis County Sheriff's Office, Office of the District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, US Attorney's Office, Spirit Aerospace, Bombardier, Koch Business Solutions, USD 259, Butler County Community College, Transportation Security Administration, Raytheon, Wiebetech, Business Computer Centers and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.